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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aaJ*

RE: Site Inspection, Uintah County, Uintah County Asphalt Mine,
M/047/022, Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 28, 1993
Time of Inspection: 0805 - 0945
Conditions: Clear skies, cool
Participants: Paul Feltch, Uintah County; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine the area in the proposed amendment/revision.

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Earlier this year the Uintah County work crew had begun stripping the R-~~5~~ area. The stripping operations were halted as soon as Mr. Feltch realized they were outside of the permit area. He then notified the Division of the event and requested the appropriate forms for revising their permit. The Division received a Notice of Intention to Revise Mining Operations and an accompanying map on July 9, 1993.

Upon Mr. Feltch's arrival at the site we drove up to the area to be included in the amendment/revision. This area (R-⁶~~5~~) is north of the R-4 area and west of the state section. The target of interest in this area is the asphalt outcrop on the western border. During the stripping performed earlier, some overburden material was pushed down the south slope of the unnamed drainage, immediately to the north of the main outcrop. This material did not appear to reach the bottom of the channel and was not blocking the drainage. Mr. Feltch indicated that they would pull some of this material out of the top of the drainage and would not place any more material into the drainage.

The long term plan for the R-⁶~~5~~ area is to mine the outcrop down and match the existing highwall at the main pit. They plan to place the remainder of



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the overburden from the new area onto the R-4 area. The overburden material would be used as soil material at the time of final reclamation.

This coming fall/winter they plan to rip, disk, and reseed the lower part of the R-3 area. The upper part of the R-3 area is currently the location of a stockpile and a small boneyard. They would like to finish stripping the outcrop in the R-~~3~~⁶ area in the winter of 1994. Mr. Feltch anticipates that the current pit may bottom out in less than five years, at which time they would begin reclaiming the pit.

I informed Mr. Feltch that the Division would review the submission and determine whether the new addition was a "revision" or an "amendment". The current form of reclamation surety for this operation is a contract between the Board and the County Commission. This contract agreement may need to be revised. A new reclamation contract may also be needed. The Division will send Uintah County a letter explaining the next steps, if any, to be taken to finalize this revision/amendment.

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cc: Paul Feltch, Uintah County
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*THE NEW AREA SHOULD BE CALLED R-6, SINCE
THE OLD PLAN ALREADY INCLUDED A DIFFERENT
R-5 AREA. qqy*